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OUR VIEW OF

THE PROBLEM IN ASIA

It is the belief of the editor of this newspaper that America has a wonderful opportunity in this trying hour to do some sound thinking in regard to Asia. Sounder thinking than we see evidence of thus far.

We believe that the mind and the soul of man is more important than the body and the material possessions of man. Our greatest challenge in Asia is to appeal to the mind and the soul of its teeming millions.

Why has China fallen under the sway of Communism?

Is it because Communism has superior guns and tanks and planes to America and the West? NO. We believe the opposite is true.

Is it because Communism has a higher standard of living than America and the West, and has more money and trade to offer? NO. We believe the opposite is true.

Is it because Communism suits the traditional Chinese way of life, the religion and culture of its people, better than does our way of life? NO. We believe the opposite is true.

Then, WHY?

We believe the answer can be traced to the wave of unrest present over this vast area of the world in response to long exploitation, poverty and injustice. The Chinese has been "pushed around." Large landowners and warlords have held the masses of the people to inequality. The poor farmer had little chance to better his economy. Generation after generation was exploited and sustained barely above the starvation level. Everywhere there was disease, hunger, and everywhere there was FRUSTRATION.

The Japanese invasion of the 1930's further impoverished and disillusioned the people. Kai Shek's intrigues and ineffective campaigns exhausted those who were already weak.

And then along came the Reds with their promises. Promises of land reform, of freedom from the yoke. What else could one expect than just exactly what happened? China accepted Communism, not because it believed in or cared about Communism, but because it was the thing offering them HOPE!

The Western Powers will never conquer China by guns. We could never KILL enough Chinese to make the families of the dead CHEER when the Stars and Stripes went by!

How then can China—and Asia—be redeemed?

The writer is merely a "Country Editor"—but this is what we would do:

Our ablest leaders in agriculture, industry, finance, education and religion would be joined with similar leaders in India, Free China, the British Commonwealth, and put to work on an ASIATIC MANIFESTO. It would pin point program for the development of the continent and show just what can and would be done for a NEW DEAL in liberty and progress for the millions of oppressed human beings. Not handouts, doles and charity: but a practical statement of immediate and long range change-over from exploitation to justice.

When this statement and this program was ready, the leading figures of the Western World should meet in Manila or Tokyo or Hong Kong—but not as the Atlantic Charter was drawn up by Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, so should this ASIATIC MANIFESTO be proclaimed to the world. And the next step would be for the "Voice of America" to repeat it and repeat it and explain it and explain it over and over and for planes to drop millions of leaflets explaining it and for Free Chinese outside China now to carry it back home, and then we firmly believe that an army under a new leader other than Kai Shek could occupy the country as liberators and in a reasonable time a new government set up to administer the new program.

Meanwhile, every effort should be made to stabilize the Korean action on the 38th parallel.

Could it be done? Would Britain give up Hong Kong? Would Nehru cooperate? Would the anxious exploiters retire? Ah, yes: when the mind and soul of a continent is saved all these things will fade away, for justice is better than force and freedom and hope are stronger than atomic weapons.

Thus safe—drive carefully.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

A DUBIOUS

FOREIGN LEGION PLAN

(The Kansas City Star)

There is a certain superficial appeal about the plan of Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and Johnson of Colorado, to enlist up to 2 million non-Communist Germans, Poles and Czechs for military service under the U. S. flag. Adoption of such a plan might, as Johnson suggests, spare young Americans from being drafted.

But there are more things wrong than right with the proposal. The use of the suggested term "freedom corps" could not disguise the fact that these would be mercenary troops who would not be eligible for American citizenship until after five years of honorable service. Hiring large numbers of alien soldiers for no other purpose than to keep Americans out of their country's service would amount to a default of the obligations of our own citizenship. The recruiting of foreigners to serve as members of the U. S. Army because we can't bear to have our own young men under arms would be an admission of national weakness which we ought never to make.

LLOYD C. DOUGLAS

(Washington Evening Star)

The novels of Lloyd Cassel Douglas were sermons in fiction. He wrote them to teach ethical lessons which he believed needed teaching.Through them he reached people who never would come to church to hear him speak from a pulpit. The device was not new. It had been used by Ralph Connor and John Rathbone Oliver, Harold Bell Wright and Ian Maclaren—all of them clergymen before they began to turn out bestsellers with a religious slant. The Founder of Christianity had set them an example as the Author of the Parables.

But Dr. Douglas brought something of himself to his work. He was not content simply to replow old furrows. "The Magnificent Obsession," his first popular success, was a smooth, well-organized, eminently readable achievement. He denied any claim to superior artistry, yet was delighted when professional critics praised his skill. In "Forgive Us Our Trespasses" he proved he could profit by experience, and after the publication of "Precious Jeopardy," "Green Light' and "White Banners' there was no question about his position among the leading literary craftsmen of his time.

The power of his writing was manifest in the filming of his books. Dr. Douglas' public anticipated the screen adaptions of their plots and crowded the theaters where they were shown. "Disputed Passage" was especially appreciated in cinema form.

CONCERNING A

TEN PER CENT CUT

(Winchester Star)

Senator George, of Georgia, long time Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and one of the ablest Americans ever to serve in the Congress, told the Senate that, in his judgment, the President's budget can be reduced at least 10 per cent.

Just what such a 10 per cent cut mean? It would mean, for example, a saving of $140 million to the taxpayers of Virginia. Another way of comprehending its significance is this:

A ten per cent saving in the President's budget would operate the entire General Fund budget of the State of Virginia for 70 years

CONTEST UNDERWAY

FOR SHEEPMEN

A contest designed to improve sheep management and marketing practices in Virginia, is being sponsored by the Valley Northern and Southern Virginia Purebred Sheep Breeders' Associations.

Stalin calls the United Nations tool of United States.

William and Mary tops Virginia basketball teams.



SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:3-20. DEVOTIONAL READING: Isaiah 6: 1-8.

Glory and Service

Lesson for February 25, 1951

THERE ARE two sides of the Christian life that don't seem to mix. One of these we can call Glory. The very word suggests something not of this world; it calls up mystic visions, inner raptures, the light of heaven. We think of Saints and angels in glory, for that is where they belong. But we ourselves can have a bit of it here and now.


Dr. Foreman

When Glory Comes

NOT every Christian has an experience of glory in this life. But those who do, usually find that it comes only at rare intervals, when one is alone, after long and perhaps painful prayer.

Sometimes it is an actual experience of something like great and blinding light; sometimes a hearing of voices as from another shore; sometimes a feeling of unutterable peace and joy such as nothing in this world can give. Whatever form it takes, the experience we are calling "glory" is always connected in the mind and heart with the felt presence of God. It may come in church or it may not; it may come on a river at sunset or some golden night beneath the stars.

However it comes, one longs above all things for it to remain. And while it does remain, one wishes to hear no human voice.

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When Service Calls

BUT the Christian life is not all of glory, by any means. If the glory-side is spiritual, the service-side is material. If the glory cannot be shared, the whole idea of service is sharing. For moments of glory there can be no date nor schedule, no predicted time and place, but acts of service must often be done by calendar and clock.

Glory may not come to every one but service is the duty of all. Yet service, like glory, may come to us from without. At a time when one least expects it, one will be called on for a service one is scarce prepared to give.

Service calls us every day; weariness and pain may at times bar us from glory, but only the last weariness and the most disabling pain will disbar us from service. Glory may be for those far advanced in the spiritual life; service is for these too, but also for the beginners.

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The Weaving of Gold and Grey

NOW the trouble is that glory and service seem to get in each other's way. We actually feel like different persons, in glory and in service.

Let us say on a morning in church, when the winter sun is streaming through the windows on the communion bread and wine, and in the silence the solumn words are heard once more: "This is my body, broken for you," one may feel, in Miss Millay's words,

"This moment is the best the world can give,
The tranquil blossom on the tortured stem."

But the next day, when one is teaching a class of mischievous boys, or helping a neighbor fix a flat tire, or baby-sitting, or spading up a garden,—one does not feel like the same person. Can religion, the Christian religion, take in both glory and service?

Some Christians have thought not. Some have gone in for one, some for the other. Some live only for the high hours of worship and rapture, counting all the time between their radiant hours as "dark nights of the soul." Others leave worship to others; they are seldom to be found at communion, but they can always be counted on to help with church suppers or community chest drives.

Jesus showed us the better way. It is not a choice between glory and service; his life included both. He had his high moments, as on the Mount of Transfiguration; but they did not long remain. Presently he found himself down in the valley with disciples who did not understand him, and with demons hard to cast out.

Jesus took both sides of religion and made them one. There was glory in his service and there was service in his glory. (In the very hour of his transfiguration, did he not speak of his death?) The true Christian life, like that of Jesus, weaves the gold and the grey together, the shining gold of life's high moments, and the long-wearing grey of the years of service.

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SPRING SEEDINGS

OF BLUEGRASS

Spring seedings of bluegrass should be made by March 1, says A. C. Smith, Jr., associate horticulturist at V. P. I.

Bluegrass gets a better start in cool weather, and can even be seeded on top of snow, Smith says. As the snow melts it carries the seed and moisture down into the soil ground.

Smith recommends using plenty of seed and fertilizer. A 5-10-5 mixture is suggested.

He also has some advice on care of evergreen shrubs and small trees.

Over the winter, leaves of box wood types, arborvitae, holly, and many other ornamentals develop a heavy coat of soot and dust. The coating usually occurs where plants stand close to buildings or under trees, and in such positions the dirt will not be washed off even by heavy rains.

Smith advises giving such trees and shrubs a bath with a hose on a warm day this month or next. He suggests putting a nozzle on the hose and tying the end of a hose on a mop handle. By turning the nozzle in different directions, the foliage can be washed deep inside the trees.

Three more killed on Virginia highways last week-end.

PRAYER MEETING

AT SPOUT SPRING

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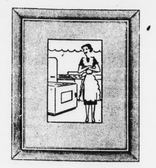


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Financial Statement Appomattox County

Financial Statement of Appomattox County, showing Resources and Disbursements for year beginning July 1st, 1949 and ending June 30th, 1950.

RECEIPTS

July 1st—To Balance	$ 13,869.39
The amount from Current Taxes	82,223.84
Delinquent Taxes	1,005.34
To Land Redemptions	345.45
Transfer fees	171.90
T. J. Court—fines and Comlth. Atty. fees	109.38
County Licenses	337.00
Sheriff fees	161.91
Interest $32.71 — Refunds $218.85	251.56
Sale Wood and Timber State Forest Land	1,468.83
Recoveries from Estate Public Assistance Client	21.19
Sundry	5.00
Share ABC Profits & Wine Tax	33,559.10
Board of Prisoners in Jail	1,019.47
Capitation Tax returned	1,274.00
Public Assistance Grants, Federal & State	28,059.06
Motor Vehicle Carriers Tax	300.21
Hospitalization— State	515.74
Refund— Jail Physician, from State	2.00
State appropriation— McLean House Dedication	1,500.00
Transfer from Dog Tax Fund	1,453.31
	$ 137,782.74

DISBURSEMENTS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION:

Board of Supervisors: Comp. & mileage of members	823.45
Compensation of Clerk & Road Orders.	250.00
Advertising	56.50
Auditing by Public Accounts	475.00
Dues & Subscriptions—League Va. Counties	90.20
Stationary & Office Supplies	58.01
County Finance Board:	
Compensation & mileage of members	65.20
	$ 1,818.36

ASSESSMENT OF TAXABLE PROPERTY:

Commissioner of Revenue— Compensation	1,560.00
Compensation of Deputy & Clerk	766.68
Assessment of Property	643.10
Surety Bonds 4.50; Surety Bond Premium $3.33	7.83
Stage & Telephone	63.55
Ceiling Expense	166.67
Stationery & Office supplies, etc.	44.40
	$ 3,252.23

COLLECTION & DISBURSEMENT OF TAXES, ETC:

Compensation of Treasurer	1,666.64
Compensation of Deputies & Office Assts.	1,688.00
Advertising	77.34
Bond Premium	307.05
Rents to Office Equipment	22.00
Stage, Telephone & Telegraph	167.98
Ceiling expense	10.00
Stationery & Office supplies	370.29
	$ 4,301.30

RECORDING OF DOCUMENTS:

County Clerk— Compensation	1,200.00
Recording Delinquent Land sales	26.10
Compensation of Deputy & Office Assts.	540.00
Auditing by Auditor of Public Accounts	87.13
Recording books	20.76
Rents to office equipment	5.30
Stage, Telephone & L. D. Calls	63.86
Stationery, books & Office supplies	414.75
	$ 2,363.90

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:

Circuit Court— Compensation of Judge	520.05
Compensation of Special Attorneys	65.00
Compensation of Jurors & Witnesses	413.10
Compensation of Members of Jury Commission	10.00
Trial Justice Court:	
Stage, Telephone & Telegraph	59.14
Electric Service Charges	8.22
Stationery, office supplies, etc.	133.43
Commonwealth Attorney— Compensation	1,035.00
	$ 2,243.94

CRIME PREVENTION AND DETECTION:

Compensation of Sheriff	500.00
Compensation of Deputy	160.89
Compensation of Clerk	100.08
Compensation of Coroner	120.00
Special Police	100.00
Surety Bond premium	26.53
Stage, Telephone & Telegraph	10.88
Ceiling expense	118.25
Stationery, office supplies, etc.	24.75
Maintenance and Care of Prisoners:	
Motor Service	120.00
Board of Prisoners	914.50
Electric Current	63.20
Laundry	52.42
Cleaning Materials and Supplies	66.04
Medical Supplies	19.19
	$ 2,396.73

FIRE PREVENTION AND EXTINCTION:

Forest Fire Extinction Service	1,750.34
PUBLIC WELFARE:	
Compensation of Board Members	300.00
Compensation of Superintendent	2,526.00
Compensation of Welfare Aids, clerks, etc.	2,386.00
Dues & Subscriptions $10.00 —& Bond premiums 15.00	25.00
Stage, telephone & telegraph	158.45
Ceiling expense, Supplies, etc.	536.26
Stationery Office supplies, etc.	39.17
Public Assistance — Federal, State and Local:	
General Relief	3,750.91
Old Age Assistance	18,368.00
Aid to Blind	3,839.00
Aid to Dependent Children	4,519.00
Foster Care	201.50
Institutional Care:	
Hospitalization	89.50
Contributions — Welfare Organizations	100.00
Vacancy Commissions:	
Compensation of Members	107.00
	$ 36,994.79

(Note— 8,497.90 of above expenditure from Local Funds, balance from State & Federal Funds)

PUBLIC HEALTH:

Comp. Registrars of Vital Statistics	95.50
Contribution to State Dept. of Health	2,800.00
Contribution to Negro Dental Clinic	300.00
	$ 3,195.50

ADVANCEMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS:

Compensation of farm demonstrators	2,220.00
Compensation of Home Demonstrators	700.00
Electric Current	1.36
Rent	60.00
Repairs to office equipment	33.50
Fuel	125.10
Sundries — prizes	35.00
	$ 3,174.96

PROTECTION OF LIVESTOCK & FOWLS:

Compensation of Game Warden —Investigating claims	300.00
Record Books and Tags	71.10
Bounty Claims	79.50
Fowl Claims	41.75
Livestock Claims	147.00
	$ 639.35

ELECTIONS:

Compensation of Election Officials	1,462.50
Rent of election booth	2.50
Preparing, printing & posting voting lists	149.25
Miscellaneous —ballot boxes etc.	90.36
	$ 1,703.55

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Wages of Janitor	1,200.00
Electric Current	81.69
Insurance Premiums	37.39
Repairs to Bldgs. & Upkeep of Grounds	646.99
Water Service	148.90
Building Materials and supplies	93.69
Fuel	1,228.27
	$ 3,436.84

MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING FUNCTIONS:

Road Viewers	20.00
Right-of-Way for Roads	130.00
Sundries	25.35
Survey— Poor Farm	69.60
Dedication of McLean House	1,339.41
	$ 1,584.36

SCHOOLS:

Compensation of Superintendent	800.00
Transferred from General Fund to School Fund	49,429.80
	50,229.80

GRAND TOTAL $ 119,087.95

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES:

General Fund — County Administration	$ 31,224.01
Dog Tax Funds	839.35
Public Welfare & Assistance	36,994.79
Transfers to Schools etc.	50,229.80
	$119,087.95

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Sometimes Good Intentions Aren't Enough

That fire at the Griffin place didn't do much damage last week, but Volunteer Chief Murphy was pretty angry about it. Spoke to some of us over dinner and a bottle of beer.

"Griffin's farm is a good mile from town," he said. "And by the time we'd dodged all the people on the highway who were going to watch, we hadn't a minute to waste.

"Then blamed if those sightseers hadn't parked cars right in Griffin's driveway and there was a mob of people milling around the house—just gawking. Joe, tell folks a fire's no sideshow. Ask 'em to think of the other fellow!"

From where I sit, some of us need to be reminded occasionally that even though our intentions are good we may be unfairly interfering. Whether it's blocking the right-of-way of fire equipment or criticizing a person's right to enjoy a temperate glass of beer now and then—the American Way is to give way, and live (be other fellow his fair "share of the road!"

Joe Marsh

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Feb. 20.- Rev. Williams, the pastor, preached at the Stonewall Church on Sunday morning. He is always a welcome visitor here.

Most all of the farmers around here burned their plant beds last week, getting ready for another tobacco crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wheeler and Miss Betsy Wheeler visited in Richmond last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard visited her mother, Mrs. Tommie Martin on Sunday, who is ill in the Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Carson and family, of Roanoke, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Caldwell received word last week of the birth of a grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Williams, in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Jr. visited Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard last Thursday night.

Miss Nadine Burnett6, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette.

Mrs. Lester Carson spent- Monday with her sister, Mrs. Davis Smith in Lynchburg.

Three New York basketball players are arrested on charges of a "gambling fix."

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